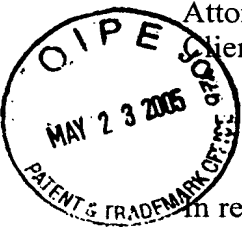


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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. ✓

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 4 and 21 have been allowed. Applicants believe claim 27, containing similar subject matter, is also allowable.

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 7, 10, 16, 17, 22 and 24 include allowable subject matter but defer rewriting those claims in independent format at this time to allow the Office the opportunity to fully reconsider the allowability of the rejected base claims.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 15, 18-20, 23 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grube et al. (US 5,371,898), claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grube et al. in view of Hoogerwerf et al. (US 5,819,171) and rejected claim 25 over Grube et al. in view of Dee et al. (US 6,115,602). Applicants traverse the prior art rejections because Grube et al., Hoogerwerf et al. and Dee et al., analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest all of the features recited in the rejected claims. For example, the applied prior art fails to provide "setting up any new call in an existing multicall," as recited in claims 1-14, 16 and 17 "setting up a new call in an existing multicall," as recited in claim 15, "an arrangement for